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PLEASE DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S TIMELY SUGGESTION REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ASKING GOI TO RAISE OVERFLIGHT PROBLEM WITH ESENBEL (REFTEL A).

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2. HOWEVER, DUE IN PART TO TURKISH POSITION STATED REFTTEL

B, DECISION HAS BEEN MADE (REFTEL C) TO REROUTE THIRD-COUNTRY MUNITIONS DELIVERY FLIGHTS FOR NOW SO AS TO AVOID TRANSIT OF TURKISH AIRSPACE. BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE ISSUE AND OUR DESIRE TO PRESERVE THE USG POSITION ON CLAIMS ARISING FROM SUCH FLIGHTS UNTIL THE BILATERAL IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKEY ARE RESUMED, WE PREFER NOT TO APPROACH THE GOT AGAIN ON THIS ISSUE IN THE INTERIM UNLESS WE RECEIVE SOME INDICATION OF A RELAXATION OF TURKISH POSITION.

3. FOR THESE REASONS, THE USG SHOULD NEITHER PROPOSE NOR ACTIVELY SUPPORT AN IRANIAN DEMARCHE DURING ESENBEL'S VISIT. MOREOVER, SINCE TRANSMISSION OF REFTEL D, DOD HAS BEEN ACTIVELY EVALUATING ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR DELIVERY OF F-4 AIRCRAFT TO IRAN IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE IMPACT OF TURKISH POSITION ON DELIVERY DATES AND COST ESTIMATES. FROM THIS STANDPOINT, THE ALTERNATIVE INVOLVING OVERFLIGHT OF EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA IS MOST ATTRACTIVE, AND REQUESTS FOR NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES ARE BEING PROCESSED WITHIN USG. REVISED DELIVERY AND COSTS ESTIMATES, IF SIGNIFICANT, WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. INGERSOLL

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